

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, new Claims 17 - 20 have been added and original Claims 1-16 remain unchanged.

The claims stand rejected under the cited prior art of record. Specifically, Claims 1 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Maurin (EP 0 362 058 A1).

As will be explained below, it is believed that the claims were patentable over the cited art in their original form and the claims have, therefore, not been amended to overcome the references. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of original Claims 1-16.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*: a collecting dish disposed in the housing for collecting the fruit juice running out of the collecting container, the collecting dish being pivotally mounted in the housing.

The Maurin reference discloses a citrus fruit press having a dome (1) for extracting juice and pulp from a piece of citrus fruit. The extracted juice flows to a receiver (21) having holes (22) in its bottom. The holes (22) filter the pulp and allow the juice to collect in the bowl (35). The bowl (35) along with the receiver (21) and the dome (1) are removed from the press for pouring the juice into a further container. The bowl is firmly seated on the base (19) (Fig. 9). Therefore, the bowl (35) is not pivotally or tiltably mounted in the housing.

Maurin does not disclose a collecting dish disposed in the housing for collecting the fruit juice running out of the collecting container, the collecting dish being pivotally mounted in the housing, as recited in Claim 1 of the instant application. Maurin discloses a receiver having holes, which filters juice that runs into the bowl (35). Maurin discloses that the bowl (35) must be removed to pour the juice to a further container. Maurin discloses that the bowl is firmly seated on the base (19). Maurin does not disclose that the bowl is pivotally mounted. This is contrary to the invention of the instant application as claimed, in which a collecting dish is disposed in the housing for collecting the fruit juice running out of the collecting container and the collecting dish is pivotally mounted in the housing. Therefore, Maurin does not disclose all the elements recited in Claim 1 and Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art.

For these and other reasons, Maurin does not anticipate Claim 1, and withdrawal of the corresponding rejection is respectfully requested. Claims 2-16 depend from Claim 1 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because they recite additional patentable subject matter.

New Claims 17-20 have been added. New independent Claim 17 recites a juicer, comprising: a housing; a projecting element disposed within the housing for pressing fruit containing fruit juice, the projecting element being rotatable with respect to the housing about a rotational axis; and a collecting dish collecting fruit juice and being tiltably mounted to the housing for tilting movement with respect to the housing about a tilt axis, the tilt axis of the collecting dish being substantially transverse to the rotational axis of the projecting element.

The prior art does not disclose a juicer as recited in Claim 17. More specifically, Maurin does not disclose a collecting dish collecting fruit juice and being tiltably mounted to the housing for tilting movement with respect to the housing about a tilt axis. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claim 17. Claim 18 depends from Claim 17 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because it recites additional patentable subject matter.

New independent Claim 19 recites A juicer, comprising: a housing; a projecting element disposed within the housing for pressing fruit containing fruit juice; and a collecting dish having a bottom surface and an outlet aperture, the collecting dish being tiltably mounted to the housing for tilting movement with respect to the housing between a first condition, in which the bottom surface slopes downwardly away from the outlet aperture for retaining fruit juice in the collecting dish, and a second condition, in which the bottom surface slopes downwardly toward the outlet aperture for discharging fruit juice from the collecting dish.

The prior art does not disclose a juicer as recited in Claim 19. More specifically, Maurin does not disclose a collecting dish having a bottom surface and an outlet aperture, the collecting dish being tiltably mounted to the housing for tilting movement with respect to the housing between a first condition and a second condition. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claim 19. Claim 20 depends

from Claim 19 and should be allowed for the same reasons and also because it recites additional patentable subject matter.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 1-20 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. Please note that Applicants have changed representation and are now represented by new counsel. The formal Revocation of Power of Attorney / New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address documents will be forthcoming.

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